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Economic Tendencies in the South African Agriculture

In the accompanying graphs the price trends are shown. These may be briefly summarised as follows:

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Collectively producers' prices of agricultural products increased by 3.0 per cent during the 1965/66 season. This increase is smaller than that of 1964/65 when the increase amounted to 5.7 per cent. If pastoral products are excluded the increase is 2.7 per cent. Pastoral products showed an increase of 4.7 per cent.

BUTTERFAT, CHEESEMILK, CONDENSING MILK AND EGGS

The producers' price of butterfat increased by 19.6 per cent during 1965/66 in comparison with 1964/65.

During the same period the price of cheesemilk increased by 15.6 per cent while the price of condensing milk increased by 15.1 per cent and egg prices by 6.2 per cent. The increases in the prices of dairy products can largely be ascribed to shortages as a result of droughts.

MAIZE, WHEAT AND KAFFIRCORN

During 1965/66 producers' prices of maize increased by 4.8 per cent, wheat by

0.5 per cent while the prices of kaffircorn declined by 4.5 per cent.

CATTLE, SHEEP, PIGS AND WOOL

During the 1965/66 season the producers' prices of cattle increased by 4.7 per cent. There was, however, a marked decline in the prices of sheep and pigs, namely 4.8 and 11.7 per cent respectively. Wool prices were 6.1 per cent above those of the previous season.

FARMING REQUISITES

Prices of machinery, tools and implements increased by 2.2 per cent during 1964/65 while the increase during 1965/66 amounted to 1.3 per cent. Prices of tractors increased by 2.4 per cent, implements by 2.8 per cent and service charges by 2.7 per cent. Prices of requisites like fertilizers, fuel, feed and packing materials increased by 4.5 per cent. Prices of packing materials are 13.6 per cent, fertilizers 4.5 per cent and feeds 4.6 per cent higher.

RETAIL AND WHOLESALE PRICES

Consumer prices of all items increased by 3.3 per cent during 1965/66 as compared to the previous year. Wholesale prices increased by 2.8 per cent.

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